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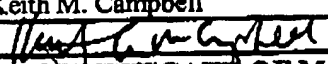

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<p><b>Request FOR Continued Examination (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application Filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Applicant No.:</td> <td>09/712,237</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filing Date:</td> <td>November 15, 2000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Named Inventor:</td> <td>Haller et al.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group Art Unit:</td> <td>3763</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examiner Name:</td> <td>Loan H. Thanh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attorney Docket No.:</td> <td>P-7322.04US</td> </tr> </table>	Applicant No.:	09/712,237	Filing Date:	November 15, 2000	First Named Inventor:	Haller et al.	Group Art Unit:	3763	Examiner Name:	Loan H. Thanh	Attorney Docket No.:	P-7322.04US
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000); 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
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    - ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_
    - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_
  - ☒ Enclosed
    - ☒ Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_
- Miscellaneous**
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_
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    - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_ - \$ \_\_\_\_
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